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Course Information

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Description

ECON 702 is part of the Economics Department's two-semester sequence in Advanced Macroeconomics, intended for second-year Ph.D. students. This course will focus on selected developments in the fast-growing area of behavioral macroeconomics, with applications to business cycles and monetary economics. We will discuss surveys and controlled laboratory experiments that test the full information rational expectations (FIRE) hypothesis and characterize deviations from FIRE in individual beliefs and actions, and we will study models that relax the FI and RE assumptions, and discuss how the resulting biases and constraints on individual choice affect aggregate outcomes.

Prerequisites

ECON 601 and ECON 602. Students who have not taken these courses and students from other departments or years should talk to me to enroll in or audit this course.

Topics

1. Preamble: Rational expectations foundations

2. Testing REE: Surveys and RCTs
3. Fixed information frictions: sticky and noisy information models
4. Endogenizing information frictions: rational inattention models
5. Lab experiments: perceptual noise, stochastic choice, probability & belief distortions
6. Cognitive constraints and risk preferences
7. Present bias
8. Adaptive expectations and learning models of bounded rationality
9. Diagnostic expectations and over-extrapolation
10. Level-k in macro models
11. Cognitive noise and strategic considerations
12. Finite horizons
13. Aggregation: news, sentiments, uncertainty shocks
14. Some welfare considerations

Grading (see ELMS for details)

- 50% = Research project on any of the main topics
- 30% = Referee report & recorded discussion on a paper from any of the main topics
- 15% = Written comments on 8 papers from any of the main topics
- 5% = In-class discussions on the topics posted on ELMS

Practical Books

Adler, Mortimer J & Charles Van Doren (2014), *How to read a book: The classic guide to intelligent reading*, Simon and Schuster.

Belcher, Wendy Laura (2019), *Writing your journal article in twelve weeks: A guide to academic publishing success*, University of Chicago Press.

Booth, Wayne C, Gregory G Colomb & Joseph M Williams (2008), *The craft of research*, University of Chicago Press.

Goodson, Patricia (2016), *Becoming an academic writer: 50 exercises for paced, productive, and powerful writing*, Sage Publications.

Reading List

Readings marked with \diamond should not be used for comments or referee reports.

Some Background on Rational Expectations & Its Limits

- \diamond Friedman, Milton (1953), "The methodology of positive economics," in *Essays in Positive Economics*, pp. 3–43, University of Chicago Press.
- \diamond Lucas, Robert E (1976), "Econometric policy evaluation: A critique," *Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy* 1: 19–46.
- \diamond Lucas, Robert E & Thomas J Sargent (1981), *Rational expectations and econometric practice*, vol. 2, University of Minnesota Press.
- \diamond Muth, John F (1961), "Rational expectations and the theory of price movements," *Econometrica* pp. 315–335.
- \diamond Pesaran, M Hashem (1987), *The Limits to Rational Expectations*, Blackwell.
- \diamond Rabin, Matthew (2013), "Incorporating limited rationality into economics," *Journal of Economic Literature* 51(2): 528–43.
- \diamond Simon, Herbert A (1955), "A behavioral model of rational choice," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 69(1): 99–118.
- \diamond Sims, Christopher A (1980), "Macroeconomics and reality," *Econometrica* pp. 1–48.

Testing REE: Direct Survey Evidence

- \diamond Carroll, Christopher D (2003), "Macroeconomic expectations of households and professional forecasters," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 118(1): 269–298.
- \diamond Coibion, Olivier & Yuriy Gorodnichenko (2012), "What can survey forecasts tell us about information rigidities?" *Journal of Political Economy* 120(1): 116–159.
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- \diamond Greenwood, Robin & Andrei Shleifer (2014), "Expectations of returns and expected returns," *The Review of Financial Studies* 27(3): 714–746.
- \diamond Malmendier, Ulrike & Stefan Nagel (2016), "Learning from inflation experiences," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 131(1): 53–87.
- \diamond Mankiw, N Gregory, Ricardo Reis & Justin Wolfers (2003), "Disagreement about inflation expectations," *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 18: 209–248.
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Testing REE: Surveys with Information Treatments

- ◇ Cavallo, Alberto, Guillermo Cruces & Ricardo Perez-Truglia (2017), “Inflation expectations, learning, and supermarket prices: Evidence from survey experiments,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 9(3): 1–35.
 - ◇ Coibion, Olivier, Yuriy Gorodnichenko & Saten Kumar (2018), “How do firms form their expectations? New survey evidence,” *American Economic Review* 108(9): 2671–2713.
- Andre, Peter, Carlo Pizzinelli, Christopher Roth & Johannes Wohlfart (2021), “Subjective Models of the Macroeconomy: Evidence From Experts and Representative Samples,” University of Bonn and University of Cologne, Germany.
- Armantier, Olivier, Scott Nelson, Giorgio Topa, Wilbert Van der Klaauw & Basit Zafar (2016), “The price is right: Updating inflation expectations in a randomized price information experiment,” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 98(3): 503–523.
- Armona, Luis, Andreas Fuster & Basit Zafar (2019), “Home price expectations and behaviour: Evidence from a randomized information experiment,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 86(4): 1371–1410.
- Coibion, Olivier, Yuriy Gorodnichenko & Tiziano Ropele (2020), “Inflation expectations and firm decisions: New causal evidence,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 135(1): 165–219.
- Coibion, Olivier, Yuriy Gorodnichenko & Michael Weber (2022), “Monetary policy communications and their effects on household inflation expectations,” *Journal of Political Economy* p. forthcoming.

Joint Behavior of Expectations & Choice Data

- D’Acunto, Francesco, Ulrike Malmendier, Juan Ospina & Michael Weber (2021), “Exposure to grocery prices and inflation expectations,” *Journal of Political Economy* 129(5): 1615–1639.
- Das, Sreyoshi, Camelia M Kuhnen & Stefan Nagel (2020), “Socioeconomic status and macroeconomic expectations,” *The Review of Financial Studies* 33(1): 395–432.
- Gennaioli, Nicola, Yueran Ma & Andrei Shleifer (2016), “Expectations and investment,” *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 30(1): 379–431.
- Giglio, Stefano, Matteo Maggiori, Johannes Stroebel & Stephen Utkus (2021), “Five facts about beliefs and portfolios,” *American Economic Review* 111(5): 1481–1522.
- Kuchler, Theresa & Basit Zafar (2019), “Personal experiences and expectations about aggregate outcomes,” *The Journal of Finance* 74(5): 2491–2542.
- Roth, Christopher & Johannes Wohlfart (2020), “How do expectations about the macroeconomy affect personal expectations and behavior?” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 102(4): 731–748.

Modeling Sticky Information

- ◇ Mankiw, N. Gregory & Ricardo Reis (2002), “Sticky information versus sticky prices: A proposal to replace the New Keynesian Phillips Curve,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 117(4): 1295–1328.
- ◇ Reis, Ricardo (2006), “Inattentive producers,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 73(3): 793–821.
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Models with Noisy Information

- ◇ Angeletos, George-Marios & Chen Lian (2016), “Incomplete information in macroeconomics: Accommodating frictions in coordination,” in *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, John B. Taylor & Harald Uhlig, eds., vol. 2, pp. 1065–1240, Elsevier.
- ◇ Morris, Stephen & Hyun Song Shin (2002), “Social value of public information,” *American Economic Review* 92(5): 1521–1534.
- ◇ Nimark, Kristoffer (2008), “Dynamic pricing and imperfect common knowledge,” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 55(2): 365–382.
- ◇ Woodford, Michael (2003), “Imperfect common knowledge and the effects of monetary policy,” in *Knowledge, Information, and Expectations in Modern Macroeconomics: In Honor of Edmund S. Phelps*, Joseph Stiglitz Philippe Aghion, Roman Frydman & Michael Woodford, eds., pp. 25–58, Princeton University Press.
- Angeletos, George-Marios & Jennifer La’O (2010), “Noisy business cycles,” *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 24(1): 319–378.
- Melosi, Leonardo (2014), “Estimating models with dispersed information,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 6(1): 1–31.
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Rational Inattention I - Noisy and Discrete Choice

- ◇ Caplin, Andrew & Mark Dean (2015), “Revealed preference, rational inattention, and costly information acquisition,” *American Economic Review* 105(7): 2183–2203.
- ◇ Caplin, Andrew, Mark Dean & John Leahy (2019), “Rational inattention, optimal consideration sets, and stochastic choice,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 86(3): 1061–1094.

- ◇ Cover, Thomas M & Joy A Thomas (2006), *Elements of information theory 2nd Edition*, Wiley-Interscience, chapters 2,8,10 in particular.
 - ◇ Matějka, Filip (2016), “Rationally inattentive seller: Sales and discrete pricing,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 83(3): 1125–1155.
 - ◇ Matějka, Filip & Alisdair McKay (2015), “Rational inattention to discrete choices: A new foundation for the multinomial logit model,” *American Economic Review* 105(1): 272–98.
 - ◇ Sims, Christopher A (2003), “Implications of rational inattention,” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 50(3): 665–690.
- Gabaix, Xavier (2014), “A sparsity-based model of bounded rationality,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 129(4): 1661–1710.
- Kőszegi, Botond & Filip Matějka (2020), “Choice simplification: A theory of mental budgeting and naive diversification,” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 135(2): 1153–1207.
- Miao, Jianjun, Jieran Wu & Eric R Young (2022), “Multivariate rational inattention,” *Econometrica* 90(2): 907–945.
- Nimark, Kristoffer P & Savitar Sundaresan (2019), “Inattention and belief polarization,” *Journal of Economic Theory* 180: 203–228.

Rational Inattention II - Strategic Considerations

- ◇ Hellwig, Christian & Laura Veldkamp (2009), “Knowing what others know: Coordination motives in information acquisition,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 76(1): 223–251.
- Matějka, Filip (2015), “Rigid pricing and rationally inattentive consumer,” *Journal of Economic Theory* 158: 656–678.
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- ◇ Khaw, Mel Win, Luminita Stevens & Michael Woodford (2017), “Discrete adjustment to a changing environment: Experimental evidence,” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 91: 88–103.
- ◇ Maćkowiak, Bartosz, Filip Matějka & Mirko Wiederholt (2018), “Dynamic rational inattention: Analytical results,” *Journal of Economic Theory* 176: 650–692.
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- ◇ Woodford, Michael (2009), “Information-constrained state-dependent pricing,” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 56: S100–S124.

Rational Inattention IV - Macro Applications

- Acharya, Sushant & Shu Lin Wee (2020), “Rational inattention in hiring decisions,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 12(1): 1–40.
- Afrouzi, Hassan (2020), “Strategic inattention, inflation dynamics, and the non-neutrality of money,” CESifo working paper.
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- Luo, Yulei & Eric R Young (2010), “Risk-sensitive consumption and savings under rational inattention,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 2(4): 281–325.
- Maćkowiak, Bartosz & Mirko Wiederholt (2015), “Business cycle dynamics under rational inattention,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 82(4): 1502–1532.
- Maćkowiak, Bartosz & Mirko Wiederholt (2021), “Rational Inattention and the Business Cycle Effects of Productivity and News Shocks,” CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP16812.
- Morales-Jimenez, Camilo & Luminita Stevens (2022), “Nominal rigidities in U.S. business cycles,” Working paper, University of Maryland.
- Paciello, Luigi & Mirko Wiederholt (2014), “Exogenous information, endogenous information, and optimal monetary policy,” *Review of Economic Studies* 81(1): 356–388.

Some Evidence from The Lab: Stochasticity & Bias

- ◇ Benjamin, Daniel J (2019), “Errors in probabilistic reasoning and judgment biases,” *Handbook of Behavioral Economics: Applications and Foundations* 1 2: 69–186.
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 - ◇ Khaw, Mel Win, Luminita Stevens & Michael Woodford (2021), “Individual differences in the perception of probability,” *PLoS Computational Biology* 17(4): e1008871.
 - ◇ Petzschner, Frederike H, Stefan Glasauer & Klaas E Stephan (2015), “A Bayesian perspective on magnitude estimation,” *Trends in Cognitive Sciences* 19(5): 285–293.
 - ◇ Schotter, Andrew & Isabel Trevino (2014), “Belief elicitation in the laboratory,” *Annual Review of Economics* 6(1): 103–128.
 - ◇ Woodford, Michael (2012), “Inattentive valuation and reference-dependent choice,” Working paper.
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- Dean, Mark & Nate Leigh Neligh (2022), “Experimental tests of rational inattention,” Working paper.
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Cognitive Constraints and Risk Preferences

- ◇ Calvet, Laurent E, John Y Campbell, Francisco Gomes & Paolo Sodini (2021), “The cross-section of household preferences,” National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper w28788.
- ◇ Kahneman, Daniel & Amos Tversky (1979), “Prospect Theory: An Analysis of Decision under Risk,” *Econometrica* 47(2): 263–292.
- ◇ Khaw, Mel Win, Ziang Li & Michael Woodford (2021), “Cognitive imprecision and small-stakes risk aversion,” *The Review of Economic Studies* 88(4): 1979–2013.
- ◇ Malmendier, Ulrike & Stefan Nagel (2011), “Depression babies: do macroeconomic experiences affect risk taking?” *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 126(1): 373–416.

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Inter-temporal considerations: Present Bias

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◇ Laibson, David (1997), "Golden eggs and hyperbolic discounting," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 112(2): 443–478.

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 - ◇ Milani, Fabio (2007), "Expectations, learning and macroeconomic persistence," *Journal of Monetary Economics* 54(7): 2065–2082.
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